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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Work activity around the state was consistent with last week's activities. The days suitable for work was 6.8 days, down 0.2 from last week's mark. This week produced record temperatures around the state reaching 100° to 105° in some areas. Livestock continues doing well.

Field Crops Summary

The wheat and barley harvest seems to be well underway. Corn continues to grow steadily; condition reports indicate that this year's crop is good. Box Elder County reports that local Tremonton sweet corn is on the market this week. Some counties report that second crop alfalfa is wrapping up; third cutting is underway. The tart and sweet cherry harvest is coming to an end, and apricots are soon to follow. Box Elder County reports that the safflower crop is spotty with areas of good safflower and other parts looking poor. Irrigation continues to be a major part of this year's production layout around the state.

Livestock Summary

Wayne and Iron counties encountered some rains this week, which made for excellent range conditions and brought relief to some of the dry summer pastures in the area. On the downside this week, Millard County reports wildfire activity has burned over 30,000 acres of range ground. Most of the ground is classified as BLM and forest service ground that is sectioned off as livestock grazing. There were also reports indicating the relocation of some cattle which will affect the available forage. Cache County continues to receive reports of pink eye in cattle because of flies and dusty conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending July 23, 2006

| Item | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5 Year Average |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Barley Harvested (Grain) | 11 | 10 | 6 | 13 |
| Oats Harvested Silage/Hay | 76 | 68 | 71 | 78 |
| Spring Wheat Harvested | 7 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Winter Wheat Harvested | 22 | 9 | 20 | 20 |
| Corn Silk Stage | 29 | 17 | 6 | 18 |
| Alfalfa Second Cutting | 77 | 62 | 53 | 62 |
| Other Hay Cut | 76 | 71 | 80 | 83 |
| Apricots Harvested | 79 | 61 | 78 | 88 |
| Tart Cherries Harvested | 73 | 36 | 61 | 67 |

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 23, 2006

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Range & Pasture | 2 | 11 | 34 | 51 | 2 |
| Spring Wheat | 6 | 19 | 24 | 47 | 4 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 9 | 40 | 47 | 4 |
| Barley | 0 | 2 | 16 | 70 | 12 |
| Sheep | 0 | 1 | 19 | 74 | 6 |
| Cattle/calves | 0 | 2 | 12 | 72 | 14 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 23, 2006

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil | 10 | 38 | 52 | 0 |
| Subsoil | 2 | 33 | 64 | 1 |
| Irrigation water supplies | 1 | 15 | 84 | 0 |
| Stock water supplies | 1 | 12 | 85 | 2 |